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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 7, as amended, remain herein. Claim 3 is canceled.

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) over Watabe.

Claims 1 and 4 recite, *inter alia*, “a protective film on the dielectric glass layer, the protective film comprising magnesium oxide (MgO) and an additional oxide, said additional oxide comprising an element with an electronegativity of 1.4 or higher and having a negative charge including at least one of germanium oxide (GeO₂), tin oxide (SnO₂), boron oxide (B₂O₃), silicon oxide (SiO₂) and lead oxide (PbO).” Watabe fails to disclose or suggest the quoted elements of claims 1 and 4.

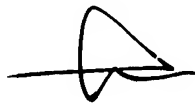
Further, with respect to claims 6 and 7, Watabe fails to disclose or suggest the orthogonally positioned electrodes.

For all the foregoing reasons, there is no disclosure or teaching in Watabe of all elements of applicants’ presently claimed invention. Accordingly, Watabe is not a proper basis for a rejection of applicants’ claim under § 102. Nor is there any disclosure in Watabe that would have suggested applicants’ claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in this art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

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This application is now fully in condition for allowance. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28951.2186). If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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